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FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE FAR EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.

The Fourth Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine will convene at Batavia, Java, in August, 1921. The third congress of this association was held at Saigon, Indo-China, in November, 1913. The president of the fourth congress is Dr. W. Th. de Vogel, head inspector of the Civil Medical Service, and the secretary is Dr. Neeb, both of Batavia. The congress will be held under the patronage of the governor general of Netherlands India.

Invitations to the Congress have been forwarded to delegates of the Philippine Islands, Australia, and New Zealand; to the viceroy of British India; the governor of the Straits Settlements, Ceylon, and Hongkong; and to the high commissioner of the Federated Malay States. Invitations have also been sent to the French and Portuguese colonies, through the governor general of Indo-China, and, through the intermediation of the Netherlands ambassadors, to the Governments of China, Japan, and Siam.

TRANSPORTATION OF TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS.

Amendment to Section 28 of the Interstate Quarantine Regulations.

The following amendment to section 28 of the Interstate Quarantine Regulations, recommended by the sanitary board of the United States Public Health Service, has been adopted. It is designed to clear up an ambiguity and to prevent a faulty interpretation of the regulations by common carriers. Paragraph "b" of the old section is omitted, and paragraph "c" becomes paragraph "b" in the amended section.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO INTERSTATE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS, 1916.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, September 30, 1920.

To medical officers of the United States Public Health Service, State health authorities, and others concerned:

The following amendment is hereby made to the Interstate Quarantine Regulations promulgated by this department January 15, 1916, said amendment and regulations being in accordance with the act of Congress approved February 15, 1893.

Section 28, Interstate Quarantine Regulations, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 28. Common carriers shall not receive for interstate transportation any person known by them to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis in a communicable stage unless said person is provided with the following articles:

- (a) 1. A sputum cup made of impervious material and so arranged or constructed as to admit of being tightly closed when not in use.¹

¹ The common carrier should require any such person to refrain from spitting in any place other than the sputum cup above mentioned, and in the event of coughing or sneezing to so cover the mouth and nose with a handkerchief, napkin, or similar device as to prevent the ejection of particles of mucus or saliva into the surrounding atmosphere.